

PhD intensive course of

CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURAL THEORY

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6 – 10 May 2019

About the course:

During the course doctoral students will be provided with knowledge on modern, postmodern and contemporary theory of architecture. They will be taught to conceptualize urban and architectural processes, analyse, interpret and construct an architectural discourse at the highest scientific level. Studies will develop the ability to apply theoretical knowledge in evaluating and analysing the relations of contemporary society with the architectural forms and urban environment. A special attention will be given to historic urban landscapes of modern times.

Aim of the course:

To provide doctoral students with knowledge on seminal architectural theories from modern, postmodern and contemporary context; to develop the ability to conceptualize the processes of contemporary urban and architectural environment while using diverse theories and methodologies of architectural analysis; to interpret historic urban landscape as a part of cultural and social context; to assess the evolution of architecture and urban environment as a complex of processes and ideas.

Course format, ECTS credits:

The course will be organized as a combination of traditional lectures and working in group on the site. As a case study will be analyzed historic urban landscape of Kaunas, which was a temporary capital of Lithuania in 1919-1939. This period left a rich urban layer of modern movement. Kaunas is European heritage label site since 2015. In 2022 Kaunas will be European capital of culture. Such cultural context and rapid development of recent days gives a unique background for studying urban fabric and applying theory of architecture on analysis of real processes of social and cultural life of the city.

At the end of the course students will do take-home assignment in written form (academic essay based on the knowledge obtained during course) and oral exam-defence of the ideas proposed in academic essay. The final grade will consist of oral exam, which will influence 60 %, and take-home assignment with influence of 40%. The evaluation is on a basis of graduation on the Lithuanian 10-scale.

Study load: 6 ECTS credits.

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Target group:

The course is primarily intended for doctoral students in heritage, history, theory or criticism of architecture and urbanism. It is also a selection for doctoral students of art focusing on architecture.

Main topics of the course:

- Application of theory in formal analysis of urban structure.
- Public space as a zone of social comfort: ideas of place-making movement.
- Normative perspective on urban quality in postmodern context.
- Architecture as a manifesto: from utopia to urban activism.
- Analysis of historic urban landscape: contemporary roles of heritage.

References:

1. The SAGE handbook of architectural theory / edited by C. Greig Crysler, Stephen Cairns and Hilde Heynen. London: Sage, 2012.
2. Reading architecture and culture: researching building, spaces and documents / Adam Sharr. London, New York: Routledge, 2012.
3. Heritage: critical approaches / Rodney Harrison. London, New York: Routledge, 2013.

Course schedule:

Start date: 6 May 2019 at 9 a.m.

End date: 10 May 2019 at 4 p.m.

Course fee:

5-day 6 ECTS course fee is 540 EUR . Travel, insurance, accommodation, and other personal expenses *are not* included in the course fee.

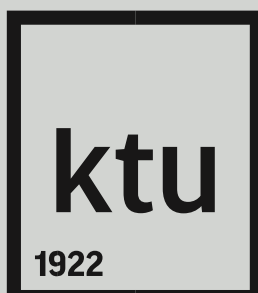
Course is free of charge for students who come to study under the Erasmus+ program.

Registration to the course:

Send inquiry to phd@ktu.lt

Registration deadline: 15 April 2019

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